

## QSL

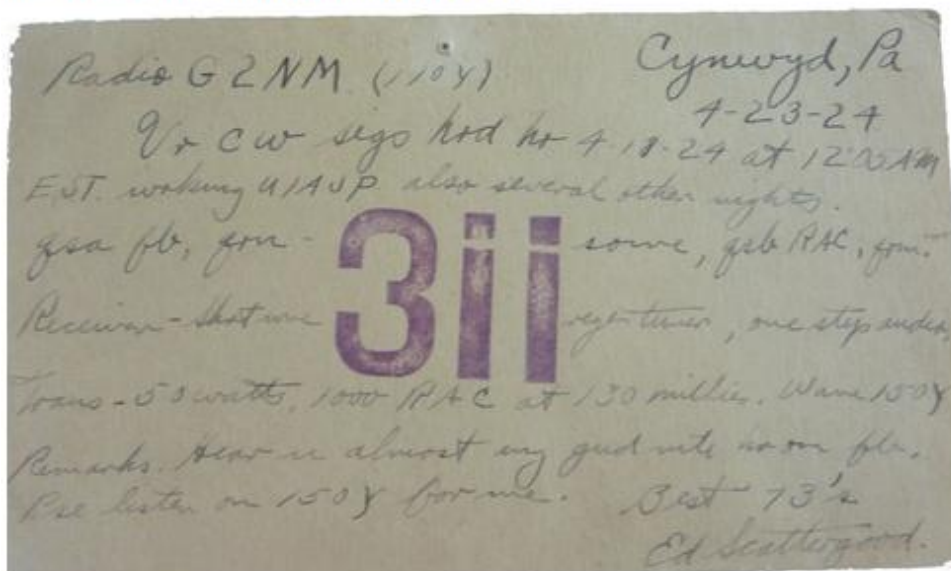
My name is John and I am the holder of the call signs GM4DKO (Scotland) and 4F3EW (Philippines).

“QSL” is one of the International Q codes and means:  
Can you acknowledge receipt? I am acknowledging receipt.

From the earliest days, radio amateurs used hand written letters or postcards to send reception reports to fellow amateurs. Two-way contacts were not always possible and this was one way to let station operators know their transmitters were being heard.

**This is the front of a postcard sent on April 23 1924  
to G2NM (England) from 3ii (USA).**

**3ii wrote that he had hrd G2NM on 110mtrs and he would  
like G2NM to listen for him on 150mtrs**

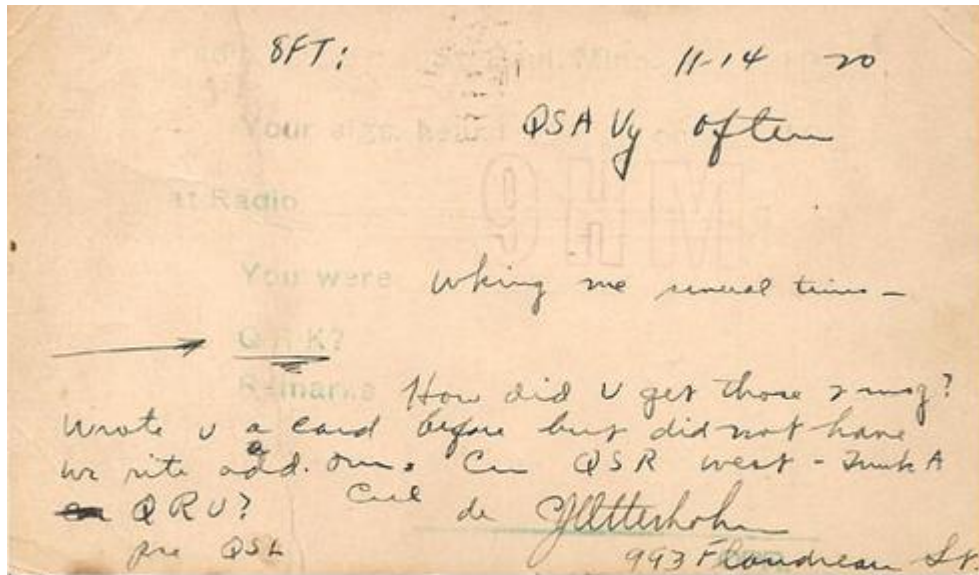


To Radio G2NM (110y) (110y)

Cynwyd, Pa  
4 - 23 - 24

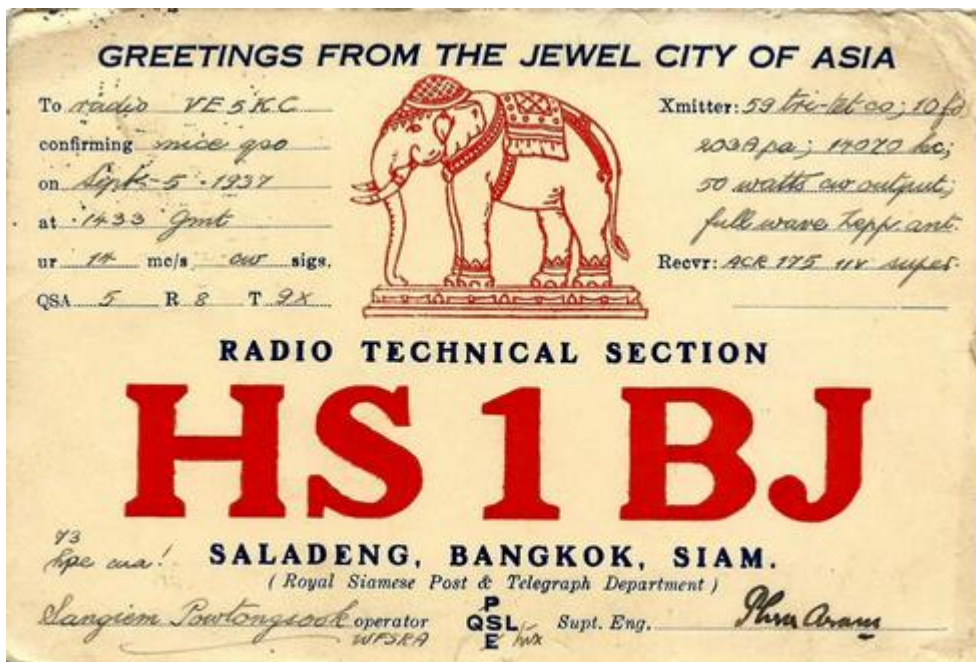
**Ur CW sigs hrd hr 4-18-24 at 12:05am E.S.T. woking U1AJP,  
also several other nights. qsa fb, qrn some, qsb RAC qrm.  
Receiver - Shortwave regen tuner, one step audio,  
Trans - 50 watts, 1000 RAC at 130 millies, Wave 150y. (150y)  
Remarks. Hear u almost any good nite hr om fb  
Pse listen on 150y for me. Best 73's**

It is difficult to verify when the first QSL card was sent. The earliest reference seems to be a card sent in 1916, the standardized card with call sign, frequency, date, etc. may have been developed in 1919.



Early card dated November 14 1920 from 9HM (USA) to 8FT (USA).

9HM : wrote u card before but did not have ur rite add.  
om, pse QSL cul de



HS1BJ : Confirming a qso he had on Sept 5 1937  
QTH : Bangkok, Siam (Thailand).


**QRA:** qsb N.º 286  
**MARIA CLEMENTINA CRUZ (YL)** To Radio: **DE-1579**  
 161-R. 15 de Novembro (Via \_\_\_\_\_)  
**PORTO**  
 Rcvd ur  on **15 de Fevereiro** 1934 at ( ) m GMT  
 QSA \ QRK r \ T \ Mod ( ) QRM ( ) QRN ( ) QSB ( )  
 XMTR DX: **13 258** countries  
 CO. PA. 7031 kc **2 4** continents  
 550 V **40** wts  
 Aerial - Hertz Rmks **Vy time qsl es rpt!**  
**Best 73 es 88!**  
 RCVR Screen Grid **Maria Clementina Cruz (YL)**  
 Ere foto Fr foto! Tnx | ur QSL via direct or REP **CT1YL**

CT1YL (Portugal) confirming SWL qsl (rpt) she received for a radio contact she had on 15 February 1934. YL is an abbreviation for Young Lady.

**XE0YL**  
**FIFI LOPEZ**  
 Mexico City, I Mexico  
 P.O.Box 7565  
 FIFI, Mexico's glamorous model sketched by famous French painter VILOT

XE0YL (Operator Fifi). Some radio amateurs worked XE0YL (1967/1972) and received the qsl confirming the qso. It has never been proven that Fifi actually held a radio licence or if it was Fifi operating XE0YL ?

**CALLS ARE WHAT GET RESULTS HI!**



**ZS5QR**

JIMMY DOUGLAS,  
41 HUTCHINSON ROAD, PIETERMARITZBURG, S.A.

*Om Reis,*  
TO RADIO **VK3HG**  
THIS CONFIRMS OUR  
QSO. OF **15.7.56**  
AT **1120** SAST.  
ON **21** Mcls.  
UR SIGS.  
PHONE. *chw.*  
R **5** s **7.8** T.  
73 PSE ~~TRK~~ QSL.  
HPE TO CU AGN.  
QRA. *Raid.*  
TX *70 wats. Gelson V.F.O.*  
*Final 2/807. Ap. Mod. 2/809.*  
RX *SX42*  
ANT *132'0' Certified V*  
*Beam. Declined N/W.*  
*My Ch. 73 Jimmy*  
C.P.W.-P.M.B.



But dear, there are some other good things besides radio, don't you think?

QZ. CQ CONTEST

AKA QSL DX  
KBS KBN MEMBER LABRE  
CONTEST AWARD QSC MEMBER RES  
QSL AWARD ARRL  
02:00 BRAZIL TIME QSL  
OST DX  
CERTIFICATE  
CONTEST 785

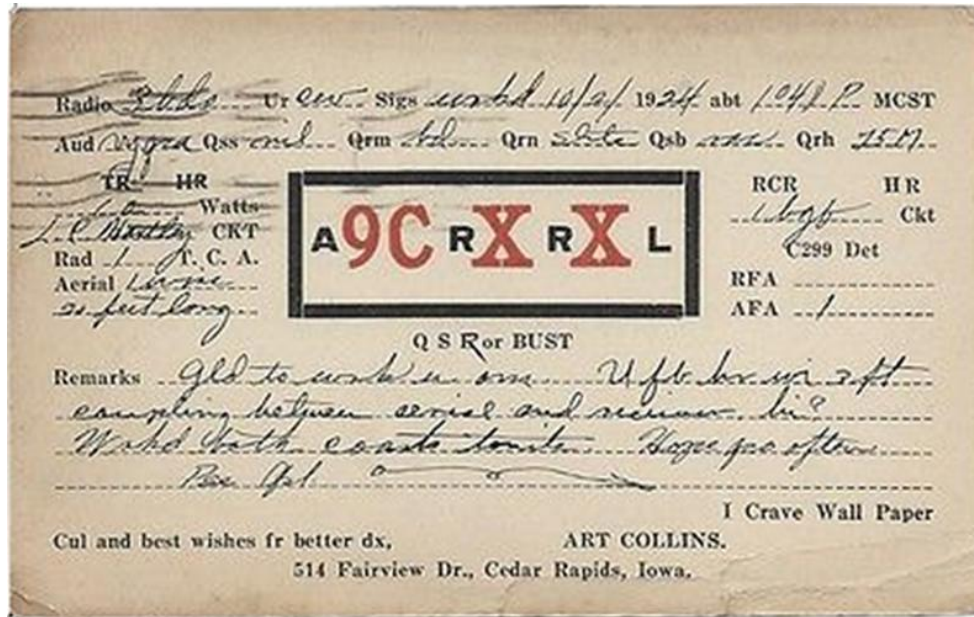
**PY4-HL José Reis**

QTH  
Rua Santo Antônio,  
CEP: 37925-000 - Piumhi-MG  
py4hl@yahoo.com.br  
GRID 79- AM  
Latitude 20 28 40 s  
Longitude 45 57 43 w

But dear, there are some other good things besides the radio, don't you think ?

There are qsl cards for sale/auction on the internet.....qsl cards for sale etc

Desirable QSLs would include those from well-known/famous people, rare countries and qsl cards with stamps(s) attached to the card etc.



**Art Collins - 9CXX : Founder of Collins Radio**  
**QSL dated October 24 1924 was for sale at auction**  
**in March 2014. Price \$375**

While doing this research I saw my 1978 GM4DKO qsl card for sale at \$1.50

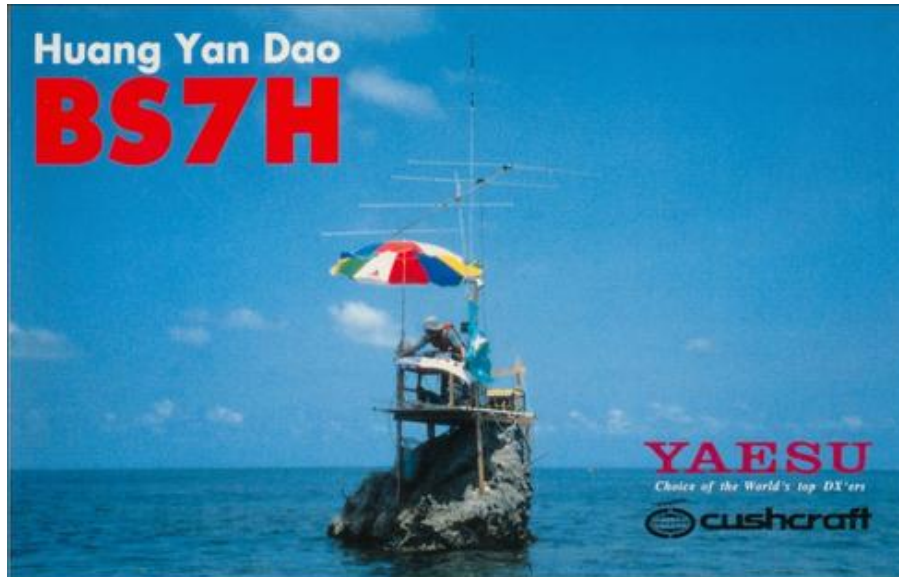
The world's best known and most respected radio amateur was King Hussein of Jordan (Born 1935 and Died 1999) who had the call sign JY1.



RAEM : Was the callsign of Ernst T Krenkel (B 1903 - D 1973), Soviet Union Arctic explorer. Amongst the awards Ernst received included 2 Orders of Lenin and Hero of the Soviet Union (1938).

The ARRL DXCC (DX Century Club) Award. The basic DXCC certificate is awarded for working and confirming at least 100 DXCC entities.

Near the top of the DXCC most wanted list are Scarborough Reef and Bouvet Island.



**BS7H : Activated Scarborough Reef 30 April to 4 May 1997.**  
Scarborough Reef lies 230 kms (140 miles) from the Philippines in the West Philippine Sea.

**Bouvet Island: The nearest land is Queen Maud Land, Antarctica,**  
which is over 1,750 km away to the south.

To the northeast it is about 2,500 km to Cape Town, South Africa.

The paper qsl card has been part of amateur radio since the early days of the hobby as a way to confirm a two way radio contact (qso) and used as a reception report.

Paper QSL cards serve as a visual reminder of the radio contact with a fellow amateur, with an entity (country), dx-pedition etc. QSL cards are sometimes needed for awards; the qsl requirement depends on the award sponsor.

Electronic QSLing. For a variety of reasons some radio amateurs find it more convenient to participate in electronic qsl/qso confirmation and this is the only way that they will confirm the radio contact.

To use the websites which support electronic qsl/qso confirmations, the amateur will need to install amateur radio logging software that can generate and export (import) ADIF log files. There are free and paid versions of this logging software.

ADIF - Amateur Data Interchange Format - is an open standard for exchange of data between amateur radio software, services and websites.



The Logbook of the World (LoTW) began operation in 2003 is a web-accessed database provided by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) to implement a contact verification service among amateur radio operators.

Using LoTW, radio amateurs can claim and verify contacts eliminating the need to send, receive and submit QSL cards for checking for the ARRL's DXCC, VUCC and WAS awards. LoTW also supports the WPX and CQ WAZ awards.

LoTW will electronically match logbook entries from logbooks and can automatically track the radio amateur's progress towards LoTW supported awards.

Because LoTW uses double blind comparison, users cannot see what other users have uploaded unless there is a matched QSO. To be credited with the confirmed contact both stations must submit matching QSOs.

The ARRL sponsored awards include DXCC and WAS (Work All States), ARRL does not recognize other web-based QSL systems, such as eQSL for ARRL awards credit.



eQSL .CC – Electronic web-based QSL exchange service for amateur radio operators and SWLs which enables electronic exchange of QSLs as jpeg or gif images which can then be printed as cards on the recipient's local inkjet or laser printer, or displayed on the computer monitor. The first web site was launched May 14, 1998.

eQSL has an awards program: eDX100, eZ40e, PFX300, eGrid, eWAS etc.

Some organisations will accept eQSL contact confirmations, while others will not.



CQ magazine accepts electronic confirmations for all awards for contacts confirmed via eQSL.cc (limited to confirmations from eQSL "Authenticity Guaranteed" members).

Sample of eQSL cards created online at [www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc)

# RA1AIF/MM

Stepan Tumanov  
14/1 127 Shlisselburgsky av.  
Sankt-Petersburg, 192076  
Russia  
Loc:KO59fu ITU:19 CQ:16  
RA1AIF - home callsign  
Rigs FT817ND, Elecraft K2 - only QRP  
mm ww locator during QSO  
Pse also Paper QSL

To: 4F3EW This confirms our 2-way CW QSO  
Date: October 7, 2010 Time: 03:08 UTC  
Band: 20M UR Sigs: 599 an Electronic QSL from eQSL.cc

[Printable 4x6 \(A6\) format](#) (Chrome: right-click to print)  
This QSL card was created online at [www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc)



CO-16, ITU-29, RUSSIA, MOSCOW

# UA5C

RDA MA-10  
ALEXANDR N. GIMANOV

To: 4F3EW This confirms our 2-way CW QSO  
Date: April 3, 2013 Time: 15:03 UTC  
Band: 20M UR Sigs: 599

[Printable 4x6 \(A6\) format](#) (Chrome: right-click to print)  
This QSL card was created online at [www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc)



Click on icon to view Authenticity Guaranteed certificate



Clublog : Includes the OQRS (Online QSL Requests) system.

Quote : From a DXPedition qsl information....

OQRS is the best method to use for your QSL confirmation. After the DXPedition ends you can order either a Direct or Bureau QSL card using the OQRS online QSL service provided by ClubLog. Using this convenient online method you can easily apply for our QSL card to be sent Directly to your home or via the Bureau....without having to send your QSL card at all. Unquote

Note:OQRS is fully integrated with PayPal you can see exactly how much the QSL will cost you in your own currency on the PayPal page.



QRZ.com : Operating Awards General Rules

Awards will be granted solely on the basis of contacts, which are recorded and confirmed by the online QRZ Logbook. Paper QSL cards or other physical documentation confirming QSO's will not be accepted.



The DARC (Deutscher Amateur Radio Club) introduced their DARC Contest Logbook in 2002, which analyzed contest logs and provided QSO confirmations.

This system was recently enhanced by allowing the import of LoTW and eQSL logs.

Many awards can now be tracked and applied for using DCL, one needs to enrol in the programme.

DARC Contest Logbook (DCL). Supports the manual upload of QSL card information through an ADIF interface.

The traditional way for a radio amateur to exchange qsl cards was via the bureau, direct or via qsl manager. It should be noted that not all radio amateurs use the qso buro and some radio amateurs do not qsl nor will they confirm the qso. Amateur radio is a hobby and it is not compulsory to confirm the qso.

The emergence of confirming the qso/qsl on the internet has led to more additional ways for the radio amateur if they wish to confirm the radio contact.

Where or how to get the qso confirmed? Make sure you have the correct qso/qsl route required by your radio contact. This information is sometimes announced by the amateur radio station during a qso, another source would be QRZ.com.

QSL: Some qsl routes as seen on QRZ.com listed by radio amateurs.

Via Qsl buro only.....via eQSL only..... .via Lotw only.....Direct only via (call sign).

Direct, Buro & LoTW only. (NO eQSL's ).

Lotw/eQSL/QRZ/Direct \$3 NO IRC's

Direct or via PayPal

QSL : via (call sign) or Clublog

Directly or via OQRS, no Bureau QSLs

I do not QSL direct or via the bureau. Please QSL via LoTW only.

Club Log OQRS (Direct & Buro) or Mail request (PayPal payment) preferably.

Only direct + SAE + Postage (No Bureau) (No Eqsl) (No Lotw)

No Via Bureau / e-QSL / Lotw for qsl direct only - \$2

Direct (US\$2+SAE) - No IRC - PayPal to my email

Sorry, but we will not confirm QSOs via the eQSL system.

DXpedition : We will be uploading to LOTW for everyone who requests a direct QSL card.

For a minimum payment of 5 US\$ or 4 Euro we will send your QSL card directly to you.

Amateur radio, the hobby changes, so are the ways of confirming the radio contact.

If interested, the radio amateur can find out more information by visiting the above mentioned websites.

This article is written for general interest and there could be errors.

Amateur radio is only a hobby, so lots of enjoyment with the hobby.

73 de John (age 76 years old) GM4DKO / 4F3EW - 16 February 2018